

HOUSE No. 2715

By Mrs. Gomes of Harwich, petition of Shirley Gomes relative to the establishment by the Department of Public Health of a public education program about Asperger's Syndrome in adults. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ASPERGER'S SYNDROME.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Instructing the Department of Public Health to develop a public
- 2 education program about Asperger's Syndrome in Adults. The
- 3 Department will interact with Families of Adults Afflicted with
- 4 Asperger's Syndrome (FAAAS), Incorporated and other groups to:
- 5 • Serve as a resource to disseminate information
- 6 • Develop training programs for professionals
- 7 • Identify progress by creating registries and surveillance pro-
- 8 grams
- 9 • Monitor and research adults afflicted with Asperger's Syn-
- 10 drome
- 11 • Assist families and caregivers
- 12 • Seek resources from the federal government for related dis-
- 13 abilities.